



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

RIVER POINTE SURGICAL CENTER

Respondent Name

SERVICE LLOYDS INSURANCE CO

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-14-2261-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 01

MFDR Date Received

MARCH 25, 2014

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "I understand that CPT code 63030 does not have a Medicare Payment allowance under the Medicare ASC Fee Schedule, but it does have a Medicare payment allowance of \$3,758.59 under the 2013 Hospital Outpatient Prospective payment schedule. I believe that a fair and reasonable payment should be considered on a Medicare base of at least 88% of \$3,758.59 for CPT Code 63030-RT and 88% of \$3,758.59 applicable for CPT code 63030-LT. The reason for 88% instead of 100% OF \$4,758.59 is because the cost of surgery provided in an Ambulatory Surgery Facility is at least 12% less than the cost of a Hospital Outpatient Facility setting."

Amount in Dispute: \$23,479.20

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Per Addendum AA, CPT Code 63030 is not listed. As 63030 is not listed in Addendum AA, reimbursement is not warranted."

Response Submitted by: White/Espey, PLLC

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
April 8, 2013	Ambulatory Surgical Care Services for CPT Code 63030-LT and 63030-RT	\$11,739.60 X 2 = \$23,479.20	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

- 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective June 1, 2012, sets out the procedures for resolving a medical fee dispute.
- 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.402, effective August 31, 2008, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for ambulatory surgical care services. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - 5-Proc code or bill type inconsistent with POS.

Issues

Did the requestor support position that reimbursement is due?

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §134.402(d) states “ For coding, billing, and reporting, of facility services covered in this rule, Texas workers' compensation system participants shall apply the Medicare payment policies in effect on the date a service is provided with any additions or exceptions specified in this section.”

CPT code 63030 is defined as “Laminotomy (hemilaminectomy), with decompression of nerve root(s), including partial facetectomy, foraminotomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc; 1 interspace, lumbar.”

The requestor appended modifier “RT-right side” and “LT-left side” to code 63030.

According to the explanation of benefits, the respondent denied reimbursement for CPT code 63030-LT and 63030-RT based upon reason code “5.”

28 Texas Administrative Code §134.402(f)(1)(A) states “The reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR shall be the Medicare ASC reimbursement amount determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Payment System Policies for Services Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Outpatient Prospective Payment System reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the *Federal Register*. Reimbursement shall be based on the fully implemented payment amount as in ADDENDUM AA, ASC COVERED SURGICAL PROCEDURES FOR CY 2008, published in the November 27, 2007 publication of the *Federal Register*, or its successor. The following minimal modifications apply: (1) Reimbursement for non-device intensive procedures shall be: (A) The Medicare ASC facility reimbursement amount multiplied by 235 percent.”

A review of Addendum AA, ASC Covered Surgical Procedures for CY 2013 finds that code 63030 is not listed. Therefore, 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.402(i) applies which states “If Medicare prohibits a service from being performed in an ASC setting, the insurance carrier, health care provider, and ASC may agree, on a voluntary basis, to an ASC setting as follows:

(1) The agreement may occur before, or during, preauthorization.
(2) A preauthorization request may be submitted for an ASC facility setting only if an agreement has already been reached and a copy of the signed agreement is filed as a part of the preauthorization request.
(3) The agreement between the insurance carrier and the ASC must be in writing, in clearly stated terms, and include:

- (A) the reimbursement amount;
- (B) any other provisions of the agreement; and
- (C) names, titles and signatures of both parties with dates.

(4) Copies of the agreement are to be kept by both parties. This agreement does not constitute a voluntary network established in accordance with Labor Code §413.011(d-1).”

The requestor submitted a copy of the preauthorization report that indicates that the carrier preauthorized the disputed service to be performed at River Point Surgery Center; however, the requestor did not submit any documentation that an agreement was reached prior or during preauthorization. The dispute packet did not contain a signed copy of an agreement, that identified the parties to the agreement, or the amount of reimbursement as required by 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.402(i). As a result, reimbursement is not recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

02/26/2015
Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.